

## PORTER TOWNSHIP

February 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Marlow with the pledge to the flag

Roll Call: Present were Croninger, Marlow, Harman, Wylie, Russell

Minutes: Marlow made the motion with support from Croninger to accept the minutes of the agenda meeting after the date has been changed. All in favor motion carried.

Marlow then made the motion with support from Wylie to accept all other minutes All in favor motion carried

Treasurers report General fund balance \$390,746.70 Money Market \$168,842.58 Bair Lake \$31,598.80 ARPA Funds \$46,265.17 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$70,295.01, Septage Funds – \$-15,691.30, RR & I Fund \$84,757.10, Sewer Receiving Funds \$657,386.64. Motion made by Marlow with supported by Wylie to accept. All in favor motion carried

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: Harman advised that for the month of January there were 59 runs, 3 Fire, with 56 EMS.

Building Report: For the month of November \$2,664,000.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills plus payroll \$36,848.95 Harman made the motion with support from Wylie to pay the Township bills all in favor motion carried; Sewer bills \$82,257.92 was approved to be paid at the agenda meeting

Old Business:

New Business:

Undersheriff Roach: The undersheriff gave an update as to the number of incidents in Porter Township some of these were 69 – 911 hang-ups, 23 abandon vehicle, 32 alarm residential, 50 civil complaints, 42 driving complaints, 20 breaking and entering, 33 general assist, 21 fraudulent activity, 50 property damage accident, 12 suspicious person, 47 suspicious situation, 39 suspicious vehicle and 143 traffic stops. They are still trying to recruit more candidates for more officers. They currently have 4 going to Lake Michigan College who just reopened classes for recruits.

Cemetery/Township Mowing: Porter Township's sexton currently mows the Township and all cemeteries. Due to the increase in gas prices they are asking for an increase Plum Grove from \$340.00 to \$385.00, Shavehead \$210 to \$235, Long \$205.00 to \$230, Oak Grove \$75 to \$85. Harman made the motion with support from Marlow to accept the new prices. Roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried

BOR/Election Food: Harman made the motion with support from Wylie for the Township to pay for food for the upcoming election and BOR meetings in March. All in favor motion carried.

Budget Hearing: Marlow requested the first meeting for the budget be at 3:00 pm March 5, 2024, the second meeting to be March 12 at 5:00 pm support from Wylie all in favor motion carried.

Miscellaneous: Road contract estimates were also discussed these will be discussed in more detail after the budget is looked at and set to see how much can be spent on roads this year.

Sewer Report: Klappauf advised during the month of January there were 3 emergency call outs, EMR power outage B6, B7, and B8, PLC failure LS C1, LS C1 Control power issue, the plant is operating on

both SBR's. Will need to look into how to keep the "beast" from freezing. Corrective actions taken were: trailer mounted generator hauled until power was restored. Floats were deragged unit was put in float operation, blown fuse was replaced station was put back into normal operation. The following motions were presented:

Motion 1: The Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board to reappoint the same Sewer Board members to their present positions: Carl Klappauf to Chairperson, Dave Nagy to Vice Chairperson, and John Penkala to Secretary.

Motion 2: The Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board to have Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc (IAI) apply the Belt Press reimbursement of \$41,555 to the existing loan we have with IAI as of 1/1/2024. By applying this money to the existing loan, it will reduce the payoff date of the loan from August 2028 to October 2027

Motion 4: The Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board the following for the Steve & Lori Bontrager property, parcel #14-120-210-005-01 69390 Bellows Rd, White Pigeon, MI 49099: The structure on this property must hook up to the Sewer System, charge the property the \$11,000 connection fee, and decommission the present septic system. This is as the property presently exists at 2/6/2024 Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to accept these 3 motions as presented: roll call was taken: Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, motions carried.

Motion 3: The Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board to accept the Sewer Budget for 2024-2025 that was presented. The board advised they will look over the budget that was presented and vote after they have had a chance to look it over.

Septage Report: Nagy advised for the month of December they took in 16,250 gallons of septage the lowest its been since the start of taking in septage. The haulers have come back which should help this next month.

ZBA report: None

Wetlands Committee: None

Planning Commission: Nagy advised he has had a couple of interesting things come up before them. First being the Mills Trailer Park that has given up the license but that Porter still has to have somewhere that is zoned for a Trailer Park, the other being someone wanting to have a venue/party barn on Union Road. Nagy with get this the attorney on the Trailer Park and had denied the venue due to being in R1 residential zoning this would be a violation.

County Commissioner: Lee advised they are still negotiations with the PD for a competitive wage to bring in new recruits. He advised the County sets the budget for most of the departments and they use the money as they need it. Harman advised they should try to use contractors from the area also, Lee will check into this.

Public Comments: None

Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to adjourn all in favor motion carried at 7:11 p.m.

Beth Russell  
Porter Township Clerk